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SUBJECT: MORO DEFINES RELATIONS WITH PCI AND SOCIALISTS;
 WARNS OF EARLY ELECTIONS IF GOVERNMENT FALLS

SUMMARY: IN SPEECH AT BARI NOVEMBER 5 PREMIER MORO CALLED PRESENT GOVERNMENT ONLY POSSIBLE SOLUTION UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES AND WARNED THAT GOVERNMENT CRISIS WOULD LIKELY LEAD TO PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS IN NEAR TERM INSTEAD OF MID-1977 AS SCHEDULED. MORO CALLED POSITION OF SOCIALIST PARTY (PSI) "DETERMINING AND PRIVILEGED" AND REITERED HIS POLICY OF SEEKING PSI-CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY (DC) COLLABORATION. HE STATED HIS AIM OF ARRIVING AT A CONSTRUCTIVE "CONFRONTO" (COMPETITIVE DIALOGUE) WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY (PCI). HOWEVER, HE URGED THAT THIS DIALOGUE TAKE PLACE WITHOUT A CONFUSION OF ROLES BETWEEN GOVERNING MAJORITY AND THE (PCI) OPPOSITION, AND WARNED AGAINST (SOCIALIST) ATTEMPTS TO "FORCE" THE SITUATION (WITH CALLS FOR COMMUNIST "ASSOCIATION" WITH THE MAJORITY). MORO'S SPEECH MUST BE SEEN AT LEAST IN PART, AS AN ATTEMPT TO REASSURE DC MODERATES AND CONSERVATIVES ON THE EVE OF AN IMPORTANT PARTY CONCLAVE. END SUMMARY

1. IN SPEECH AT BARI NOVEMBER 5 PREMIER MORO REITERATED INTENTION OF HIS GOVERNMENT TO FACE UP TO CURRENT ECONOMIC CRISIS
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AND CALLED UPON ALL SECTORS TO SUPPORT HIS EFFORTS IN THIS

RESPECT. MORO STATED THAT PRESENT CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT (DC)-REPUBLICAN (PRI) GOVERNMENT, SUPPORTED IN PARLIAMENT BY THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATS (PSDI) AND SOCIALISTS (PSI), IS ONLY ONE POSSIBLE UNDER PRESENT POLITICAL CONDITIONS. SHOULD A CRISIS OCCUR, MORO WARNED, THE LOGICAL DENOUEMENT WOULD BE PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS IN THE NEAR TERM INSTEAD OF IN MID-1977 AS SCHEDULED.

2. IN THE FACE OF CRITICISM FROM LEFT AND RIGHT OF THE GOVERNMENT'S HANDLING OF ONGOING LABOR NEGOTIATIONS, MORO MADE CLEAR THAT THE GOVERNMENT WILL NOT AUTOMATICALLY BOW TO ALL LABOR DEMANDS. RATHER, IT WILL SEEK COMPROMISE SOLUTIONS WITHIN THE LIMITED FINANCIAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE IN ORDER TO BRING THE COUNTRY OUT OF THE PRESENT CRISIS.

3. MORO CALLED ON THE POLITICAL PARTIES TO CLARIFY THEIR POSITIONS IN ORDER TO EMERGE FROM THE PRESENT "OBSCURE" POLITICAL SITUATION. HE EXPRESSED "FULL CONFIDENCE" IN THE DC'S ABILITY TO CONDUCT A POLICY OF "LIBERTY AND PROGRESS." HE ACKNOWLEDGED THE "DETERMINING AND PRIVILEGED" ROLE OF THE SOCIALISTS IN THE PRESENT MAJORITY AND REEMPHASIZED HIS POLICY OF SEEKING DC-PSI COLLABORATION.

4. MORO'S DESCRIPTION OF COMMUNIST RELATIONS WITH THE GOVERNING MAJORITY WAS SOMEWHAT MORE CAUTIOUS THAN USUAL AND MAY HAVE BEEN AIMED AT TRANQUILIZING THE CENTER AND RIGHT OF THE DC PARTY JUST PRIOR TO A KEY POLICY DISCUSSION UNDERWAY TODAY BETWEEN DC SECRETARY ZACCAGNINI AND TOP PARTY LEADERS. MORO STATED THAT THE GOVERNMENT, "IN ITS AUTONOMY" COUNTS ON THE MAJORITY WHICH CREATED IT. ONLY ON THIS BASIS, HE SAID, CAN A COMPETITIVE DIALOGUE ("CONFRONTO") WITH THE COMMUNISTS BE CONCEIVED. THIS DIALOGUE MUST BE "SERIOUS, CLEAR, LOYAL AND CONSTRUCTIVE," BUT MUST KEEP DISTINCT THE DIFFERING ROLES OF THE MAJORITY AND THE (COMMUNIST) OPPOSITION. IT IS IN THE INTERESTS OF "STABILITY" AND THE "DEVELOPMENT OF ITALIAN DEMOCRACY" THAT THERE SHOULD NOT BY ANY "DANGEROUS FORCING" OF THE SITUATION. THE DANGER TO WHICH MORO APPARENTLY REFERS IS THE SOCIALIST DEMAND, SINCE THE JUNE 15 ELECTIONS, THAT THE PCI IN SOME WAY BE "ASSOCIATED" WITH THE GOVERNING MAJORITY.

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5. COMMENT: MORO'S SPEECH BROKE NO NEW GROUND. HOWEVER, HIS WARNING OF THE DANGER OF EARLY ELECTIONS IN THE EVENT OF A GOVERNMENT CRISIS AND HIS ADMONITION TO PARTIES UNNAMED NOT TO "FORCE" THE SITUATION (WITH RESPECT TO THE PCI'S RELATIONSHIP WITH THE MAJORITY) MAY BE SEEN AS AN ATTEMPT TO ANSWER INCREASING CRITICISM FROM THE MODERATE AND CONSERVATIVE WINGS OF THE DC PARTY WHO FEAR THAT THE PARTY UNDER ZACCAGNINI IS SLIPPING TOO FAR LEFTWARDS. CALINGAERT

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